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1. THE PORT OF VIANA DE CASTELO IS LOCATED 33 MILES NORTH OF OPORTO. PRESENT FACILITIES ONLY ALLOW VERY LIGHT TRAFFIC, MAINLY FISHING BOATS AND CARGO VESSELS UP TO ABOUT 1,200 TONS, AS ENTRANCE IS DREDGED ONLY TO 4.80 METERS. BESIDES UNLOADING FISH FOR THE LOCAL CANNERY INDUSTRY, THE PORT HANDLES ANNUALLY ABOUT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS OF CARGO, CHIEFLY WOOD PULP FOR CELNORTE, A CELLULOSE PLANT.

2. PLANS TO EXPAND THIS PORT PRINCIPALLY IN ORDER TO DEVELOP ITS HINTERLAND WERE MADE MORE THAN 7 YEARS AGO. CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE EXPANSION IS WELL UNDERWAY. EXPANSION WILL PERMIT INCREASED CARGO TRAFFIC AS WELL AS DEEPER-DRAFT SHIPS; WILL PERMIT EXPANSION OF CAPACITY OF SHIP REPAIRS OF THE VIANA DE CASTELO SHIPYARD (ESTALEIRO NAVAL DE VIANA DE CASTELO) AND SERVE THE PLANNED BRAGA-GUIMARAES INDUSTRIAL PARK. (SEE REF B FOR DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANS FOR SHIPYARD.)

3. THE PORT PROJECT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION ON THE NORTHERN SIDE

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OF THE RIVER OF A NEW FISHERIES HANDLING AREA INCLUDING A NEW 1,200 METER PIER WITH ACUTION AND REFRIGERATION PORT FACILITIES AND IN THE SOUTH OF THE RIVER FACING THE ABOVE PIER A NEW 250 METER COMMERCIAL "RO-RO- AND CONTAINER TERMINAL, INCLUDING WAREHOUSES, CONTAINER STROAGES AREAS AND AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES PLANS ALSO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BREAKWATER OF 1,750 METERS, AND THE DREDGING OF A NEW CHANNEL WITH A MINIMUM

DEPTH OF 6,5 METERS. THE NEW PIER WILL PERMIT ANNUAL CARGO HANDLING OF UP TO ONE MILLION TONS AND WILL COST APPROXIMATELY 11 MILLION DOLLARS. THERE ARE NO FINANCIAL ESTIMATES FOR THE REST OF THE PROJECT

4. COMPANHIA PORTUGUESA DE TRABALHOS PORTUARIOS LDA., 95 PERCENT OWNED BY A DUTCH COMPANY (KOMNLIKIGKE NEDERLANDSCHE MAATCHAPPIG VOOR HAVEWERKEN N.V.) HAS WON THE CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT. HOWEVER, COMPANY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT ACQUISITION OF CRANES AND OTHER LOADING AND UNLOADING EQUIPMENT WILL BE NECESSARY AND THAT VERY RECENTLY A US CRANE WAS PURCHASED. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED IN FEBRUARY THREE TOS FOR THE SUPPLY OF CRAWLER MOUNTED CRANES, CONCRETE AND SCREENING PLANTS (TOS 34, 35 AND 36).

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